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In re Application of: James L. Eichler, Jr. et al.
Serial No.: 09/773,850
Filing Date: January 31, 2001
Group Art Unit: 2181
Examiner: Thomas J. Cleary
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING OPEN
PERIPHERAL COMPONENT INTERCONNECT
(PCI) SLOTS

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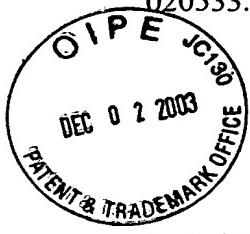
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Dear Sir:

Applicants transmit herewith an amendment in the above-identified application.

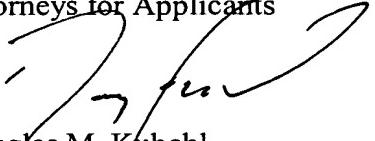
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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed September 4, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the Application as follows:

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